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Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know what exactly were the considerations which weighed with the Government in giving this gentleman Rs. 200 more ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" We considered the salaries drawn by Superintendents in other Provinces and after taking everything into consideration, we increased his pay."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the revised scale is the same as in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" Arising out of the answer given by the hon. the Home Member that the Government compared the pay that is being given in other Provinces, may I know what is the pay given in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I have already asked for notice, Sir."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know how the work in the Government Press here compares with the work in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " Absolutely satisfactory."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" The volume of work, Sir ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" It is more in Madras."

11-30 a.m. Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I know as to why the hon. the Home Member is not able to give us approximate figures especially when he tells us that the pay of the Superintendent, Government Press, compares well with that obtaining in other Provinces ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" At present it is not possible. If notice is given, I shall be able to give the figures."

Mr Basheer Ahmed Sayeed :—" Sir, the answer given to clause (*c*) of this question is 'the revised scale was sanctioned on a consideration of the pay allowed to Superintendents in other Provinces.' In view of that answer may I know why the hon. the Home Member wants notice to tell us what exactly the pay is in other Provinces."

The hon. the President :—" The question does not arise."

Motor Vehicles Act

Inspection of motor buses in Chingleput and other districts.

* 144 *Q*.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : With reference to my question No. 1837 answered on 30th March 1928, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total amount of fees collected last year (1927-28) for the half-yearly inspection of motor buses and cars plying for hire in each of the following districts :—Chingleput, Trichinopoly, Nellore, Bellary and South Arcot ;

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(*b*) what is the total number of buses and cars plying for hire in each of the above districts at present;

(*c*) what charges are levied for half-yearly examination for each bus and each car plying for hire;

(*d*) what is the total amount of pay and allowance to be given in a year for bus inspectors; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to appoint full-time bus inspectors in all districts where the fees collected are sufficient to meet their pay?

A.—(*a*) The following is the approximate amount:—

	RS.
Chingleput	1,800
Trichinopoly	3,025
Nellore	2,700
Bellary	4,500
South Arcot	3,700

Exact figures are not readily available.

(*b*) The following is the number at the end of the year 1927:—

	Number of cars.	Number of buses.
Chingleput	Nil.	140
Trichinopoly	65	132
Nellore	9	90
Bellary	3	82
South Arcot	24	79

Information as regards the number at present is not available.

	RS.
(*c*) Each motor vehicle plying for hire with a seating capacity of ten or more persons (buses only) ...	25
Each motor vehicle plying for hire with a seating capacity of less than ten persons (buses and non-buses)	20

(*d*) The pay varies from Rs. 200 to Rs. 350 per mensem with a motor cycle allowance of Rs. 25 each per mensem.

(*e*) This system is being introduced wherever possible.

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I know whether any qualifications are prescribed for these inspectors?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"There are some qualifications prescribed. They have to pass some test in Engineering."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I know what is the average salary paid to a bus inspector?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"From Rs. 200 to Rs. 250."

Mr. R. Nagan Gowda:—"In regard to many of the districts the income is more than Rs. 3,000 on an average. So will the Government consider the advisability of appointing bus inspectors for these districts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"That question is under the consideration of the Government."